

FRIENDS OF THE LAING ART GALLERY

England & Wales · Charity number 528070

Details

Other names	FRIENDS OF THE LAING ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM, FRIENDS OF THE LAING ART GALLERY - F L A G
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1967-05-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO SUPPORT THE LAING ART GALLERY IN NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND TO PROMOTE ITS USE AND ENJOYMENT BY THE PUBLIC AS AN ART GALLERY

Activities: Raise money and awareness of the gallery and to help Gallery to acquire new works/conservation

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,472	£44,589	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,036	£41,066	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,770	£31,127	-	-
2022-03-31	£19,963	£22,806	-	-
2021-03-31	£11,683	£29,237	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL HARDY	Chair	2023-06-27
Anna Laura Thompson		2024-06-25
Barbara Hazeldine		2017-06-20
Hilary Thompson		2020-06-20
Jean Cubbin		2020-06-20
Joanna Cockerill Mrs		2024-06-25
Karen Johnston		2020-06-20
Marian Green		2020-06-20
Terence Michael Mc Laren		2017-06-20

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Trustees Report March 2025 Friends of the Laing Art Gallery

The legacy of a large collection of Davidson Cloud glass which we received in 2024 has now been sold by our local auctioneers.

Our continuing program of talks, day trips and short breaks meant we were able to give a grant of £20,000 to the Laing Art Gallery toward the very successful exhibition "Turner: Art, Industry and Nostalgia" which was staged by the Laing Art Gallery as a result of the National Gallery loaning the Laing "The Fighting Temeraire" as part of its 200th birthday celebrations. This grant was agreed in 2023/24, and should have appeared in that year's accounts, but was requested after the end of our financial year.

Unfortunately, in agreement with the gallery, our contribution in 2024/25 and going forward is/will be £10,000. This will be kept under annual review and any future legacies in particular could lead to an increase in the donation to the Gallery.

Our loyal core of members provides us with the encouragement to continue to support the gallery we love. We are incredibly grateful to our small team of volunteers, without whom we would not be able to provide our membership with the events mentioned above, along with a quarterly magazine providing information about the gallery and the events which we hold. In addition to the services the volunteers provide to our membership, they offer a weekly talk on "The Picture of the Month" to the wider public, and a Welcome Desk to help visitors, both old and new with any questions they might have about the gallery.

Friends of the Laing Art Gallery Treasurers report

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Transactions Bank of Scotland

RECEIPTS	IN	PAYMENTS	OUT
Subscriptions:	£12,231.00	Office:	£597.07
		BAFM insurance & subs	£443
Donations	£429.18	NFU insurance	£207.20
		Membership cards	£192.00
Closure of Barclays account		Printed Stationery & postage	£2,367.14
	9.32	Newsletters (4)	£3,504.00
Gift Aid reclaim in progress 2023-4 & 2024-5			
Events	£12,802.95	Events	£7,278.09
Transfers fr CIOF [CCLA]	£20,000.00	Donations to Laing A.G.	£30,000.00
Skipton B.Soc	£10,000.00	BoS transfer into Skipton B.Soc	£10,000.00
Total above transactions IN	£55,472.45	Total above transactions OUT	£54,588.50
Bank of Scotland balance 31.3.24	£9,585.70	Bank of Scotland balance 31.3.25	£10,469.65
Total IN	£65,058.15	Total OUT	£65,058.15

Events surplus reported - comprising 4 trips, 6 talks and Xmas meal:
including payment of £220 from March trip 2024 paid in April 2024

£3,997.52

Assets	31.3.25	Investment / savings	
Bank of Scotland	£10,469.65	Charities Investment Fund	£14,112.99
Office petty cash	£242.70	Redwood Bank	£23,124.48
		Skipton Building Society	£11,240.24
Total:	£10,712.35	Total:	£48,477.71
		Total Assets 31.3.25:	£59,190.06

16/04/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

FRIENDS OF THE LAING ART GALLERY

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no (if any)

528070

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Keith Ian Gilfillan JP

Date:

2/JUNE/2025

Name:

KEITH IAN GILFILLAN JP.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

JUDGE OF THE PEACE. RETAIL MANAGER.

Address:

75 NEWLANDS AVE. MELTON PARK, GOSFORTH. NEWCASTLE. U.P.N.W. TYNE.

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The generous legacy from Irene Hindmarsh was distributed between the Learning dept which is in dire need of a practical upgrade, and the L-ink project which involves young people collaborating and working with artists and curating exhibitions. Our recent legacy of a gentleman's large collection of Davidson Cloud glass is still proving to be impractical in terms of being shipped from its present home in Gosport to our local auctioneers but we hope this will be sorted soon.

Our continuing programme of talks and day trips as well as short breaks has meant we were able to give a grant of £20,000 to the Laing Art Gallery to go towards staging exhibitions.

We are grateful to our loyal core of members whose presence and encouragement enables us to continue to support the gallery we all love. We know the future will be challenging. People's expectations increase while our resources diminish. There are plenty of critics who don't seem to appreciate that we are volunteers however with your support we'll hope to adapt and change when appropriate and look forward to another year knowing we play a significant part in promoting the Laing.

***At the AGM in June 2024 the following amendment to the constitution was agreed.**

Bearing in mind the current shortage of volunteers, the following amendment had been compiled and agreed in committee and was proposed for consideration and adoption.

“Elected Members of the Management Committee shall serve for three years and will then be eligible for re-election for such further periods of three years as shall be agreed by the members at the AGM.”

This motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Friends of the Laing Art Gallery Treasurers report

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Transactions (Bank of Scotland)

RECEIPTS	IN	PAYMENTS	OUT
Subscriptions:	£12,854.00	Office:	£2,295.63
Donations	£269.15	BafM insurance & subs	£1,046.00
Gift Aid reclaimed	£4,789.73	NFU insurance	£206.08
		Newsletters (4)	£3,504.00
		Membership cards	£192.00
		Printed Stationery & postage	£259.45
Events	£6,810.35	Events	£3,562.50
Transfers from Redwood 1yr bond	£20,000.00	Donations to Laing A.G.	£30,000.00
Skipton B.Soc	£10,000.00	BoS transfer into COIF	£10,000.00
Total above transactions IN	£54,723.23	Total above transactions OUT	£51,065.66
Bank of Scotland balance 31.3.23	£5,928.13	Bank of Scotland balance 31.3.24	£9,585.70
Total IN	£60,651.36	Total OUT	£60,651.36

Events surplus comprising 6 trips, 5 talks and 2 tours: £3,247.85
 payment of £220 from March trip in April 2024 £3,467.85 (actual)

Assets	on 31.3.24	Investment / savings	Interest rates
Bank of Scotland	£9,585.70	COIF	£32,563.04 5.13% vt
Barclays Bank	£4.72	Redwood Bank 95	£22,293.69 5.68%
Office petty cash	£323.99	Skipton B Soc.	£10,692.35 3.59%
		[Interest from above	£3,312.83]
Total above:	£9,914.41	Total above:	£65,549.08
		Total Assets:	£75,463.49

22/04/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name FRIENDS OF THE LAING ART GALLERY

On accounts for the year ended

MARCH 31st 2024

Charity no (if any) 528070

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 5 SEPT 2024

Name: KEITH IAN GILFILLAN JP.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

RETAIL MANAGEMENT.

Address:

75 NEWLAND AVE . MELTON PARK
GOSFORTH - NEWCASTLE NE3-5PY

* ON INSPECTION I AM SATISFIED THAT THESE ACCOUNT HAVE BEEN COMPILED IN A FIT + PROPER MANNER. K4.

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FLAG Trustees' report June 2023

Once again we have been able to organise talks with refreshments and the holidays planned with such enthusiasm pre-Covid were finally able to take place. There are more short breaks coming up. and we intend to have a Christmas Lunch this year. As well as giving funding to the gallery, which this year was £20,000, one of our aims is to make the public aware of the gallery and its exhibitions. The chairman was asked by Newcastle University to give a presentation to students on the M.A in Museum and Heritage Studies course on the subject of Friends' organisations and how they help galleries. Saturday morning Picture of the Month talks resumed where members of the public simply turn up to discover more about paintings in the collection.

Like every charity, we desperately need more volunteers to step up, particularly those with the computer knowledge to update our records and communications with our members which is so time consuming and increasingly expensive.

J.Scott

Chairman

Friends of the Laing Art Gallery Treasurers report

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Transactions (Bank of Scotland)

RECEIPTS	IN	PAYMENTS	OUT
Subscriptions	£12,434.00	Office	£2,528.53
Donations	£1,601.00	BafM Ins/Subs	£523.00
		NFU Insurance	£215.41
Bequest	£10,000.00	Newsletters (4)	£3504.00
		Membership cards	£196.80
Gift Aid reclaimed	£2,068.37	Printed Stationery	£252.00
Events	£7,666.50	Events	£3,906.86
		Donation to Laing	£20,000.00
Transfer Virgin	£51,841.05	Transfer COIF	£13,900.00
		Transfer Redwood Bank	£20,000.00
		Transfer Skipton B/Soc	£20,000.00
Total IN	<u>£85,610.92</u>	Total OUT	<u>£85,026.60</u>
Balance BoS 31.3.22	£5,343.81	Balance BoS 31.3.23	£5,928.13
Total	IN £90,954.73	Total	OUT £90,954.73
	Events Surplus * from 6 trips and 6 talks		<u>£3,759.64</u>

Assets	31.3.23	Investment savings	Interest rates
Bank of Scotland	£5,928.13	COIF	£21,283.11 1.91%
Barclays Bank	£34.32	Redwood Bank 95	£20,953.34 2.90%
Office Petty Cash	£176.28	Redwood Bank 1 yr	£20,198.58 2.96%
		Skipton B.Soc	£20,000.00 2.8%
Total	£6,138.73	Total	£82,435.03
	<u>Total Assets £88,573.76</u>		

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Section A

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The Friends of the Living Art Gallery

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no (if any)

525070

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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

1/6/23

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